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J. P. CHAMBLESS, Sec.-Treas, Snyder, Texas

Special Tax For Maintenance of Public Schools and Furnishing Free Text Books.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 27
Proposing an amendment to Art. 7 of the Constitution of the State of Texas by changing Sec. 3, providing for a thirty-five cent tax levy for the maintenance of the public schools of Texas, and providing free text books in public schools of the State of Texas, and making an appropriation therefor.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section (1). That Section 3 Article 7 of the Constitution, be so changed as to read as follows (creating a new section 3):

Sec. 3. One-fourth of the revenue derived from the State occupation taxes and a poll tax of one (\$1.00) dollar on every male inhabitant of this state, between the ages of twenty-one and sixty years, shall be set apart annually for the benefit of the public free schools; and, in addition thereto, there shall be levied and collected an annual ad valorem State tax of such an amount not to exceed thirty-five cents on the one hundred (\$100.00) dollar valuation, as, with the available school fund arising from all other sources, will be sufficient to maintain and support the public schools of this State for a period of not less than six months in each year, and it shall be the duty of the State Board of Education to set aside a sufficient amount out of the said tax to provide free text books for the use of children attending the public free schools of this State; provided, however, that should the limit of taxation herein named be insufficient, the deficit may be met by appropriation from the general funds of the State, and the Legislature may also provide for the formation of school districts by general or special law without the local notice required in other cases of special legislation; and all such school districts whether created by general or special legislation, may embrace parts of two or more counties. And the Legislature shall be authorized to pass laws for the assessment and collection of taxes in all said districts

and for the management and control of the public school or schools of such districts, whether such districts are composed of territory wholly within a county or in parts of two or more counties. And the Legislature may authorize an additional ad valorem tax to be levied and collected within all school districts heretofore formed or hereafter formed, for the further maintenance of public free schools, and the erection and equipment of school buildings therein; provided, that a majority of the qualified property tax-paying voters of the district voting at an election to be held for that purpose, shall vote such tax, not to exceed in any one year fifty cents on the one hundred dollars valuation of the property subject to taxation in such district, but the limitation upon the amount of school district tax herein authorized shall not apply to incorporated cities or towns constituting separate and independent school districts.

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the State at an election to be held throughout the state on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1918, at which election all voters favoring said proposed amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words, "For the amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing for the levy of a special school tax for the maintenance of the public schools of the State and to provide free text books in the public schools of the State of Texas," all those opposed shall write or have printed on their tickets the words "Against the amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas providing for the levy of a special school tax for the maintenance of the public schools of the State, and to provide free text books in the public schools of the State of Texas."

Sec. 3. The Governor of the State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election and to have same published as required by the Constitution and existing laws of the State.

Sec. 4. That the sum of two thousand (\$2,000.00) dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be here-

by appropriated out of any funds in the Treasury of the State of Texas not otherwise appropriated, to pay the expenses of such publication and election.

(Note.—H. J. R. No. 27 passed the House of Representatives by a two-thirds vote, yeas 108, nays 22, and passed the Senate by a two-thirds vote, yeas 23, nays 4.)

Approved March 19, 1917.

(A true copy.)
C. D. MIMS,
Acting Secretary of State
2657-614-400

TAKING OF TESTIMONY IN CRIMINAL CASES.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 2.

To amend Section 10, Article 1, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing for certain rights of accused persons in criminal prosecutions, and the manner in which the case may be prosecuted, and providing for the procuring of the testimony of the witnesses for both defense and prosecution.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Section (10) of Article (1) of the Constitution of the state of Texas be so amended that the same will read and hereafter be as follows:

Sec. (10.) In all criminal prosecutions the accused shall have a speedy public trial by an impartial jury. He shall have the right to demand the nature and cause of the accusation against him, and to have a copy thereof. He shall not be compelled to give evidence against himself, and shall have the right of being heard by himself, or counsel, or both, shall be confronted by the witnesses against him and shall have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, except that when the witness resides out of the State and the offense charged is a violation of any of the anti-trust laws of this state, the defendant and the state shall have the right to produce and have the evidence admitted by deposition, under such rules and laws as the legislature may hereafter provide; and no person shall be held to

answer for a criminal offense, unless on an indictment of a grand jury, except in cases in which the punishment is by fine or imprisonment, in cases of impeachment and in cases arising in the army or navy, or in the militia, when in actual service in time of war or public danger.

Sec. 2. The governor of this state is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for the submission of this amendment to the qualified voters of this State at the next general election for State and county officers.

Sec. 3. The qualified electors for members of the Legislature shall vote upon said amendment at the said general election and at which election all persons favoring said amendment shall have written or printed on the ballot the following: "For amendment to Section 10, Article 1 of the Constitution, providing for prosecution of criminal cases by information, or indictment, and taking of testimony of witnesses by deposition under certain circumstances," and those opposed to such amendment shall have written or printed on the ballot as follows: "Against the amendment to Section 10, Article 1 of the Constitution."

Sec. 4. The sum of five thousand (\$5,000) dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds of the State Treasury of the State not otherwise appropriated to pay the expenses of publishing, proclamation, and election.

Note.—H. J. R. No. 2 passed the House of Representatives by a two-thirds vote, yeas 123, nays 4; and passed the Senate with amendments, by a two-thirds vote, yeas 21, nays 4, and the House concurred in Senate amendments by a two-thirds vote, yeas 123, nays 0.)

Approved March 19, 1917.

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John Merritt said the other day that he had a squash in his garden that weighs 41 pounds. If anybody doesn't believe it, he stands ready to prove it.

FLUVANNA.

(Written for last week.)
George Odom and family, Mr. Speed and family and Mr. Lemons and family all left for different parts of the east last week where they will spend the fall.

Mr. Bert Birdwell and F. W. Lander returned Sunday from Oklahoma, where they went some three weeks ago looking for a location. They will move their families.

Mr. N. Beaver, one of our old time citizens who moved to Lyford, Texas, some twelve months ago passed thru here early Monday morning enroute from Elida, N. M., back to Lyford.

Mr. B. B. Conroe, is here for a few days before moving to his new home at Strawn, Texas, where he has accepted the management of one of the garages there.

Mrs. W. J. Beaver is visiting at Abilene this week.

Mr. J. W. Woems left Tuesday for some part of the east looking for work.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Snellings of Floydada spent one night here last week with home folks enroute to Hermleigh to visit Mrs. Snellings' parents.

W. R. Craft made a business trip east Friday of last week returning Monday of this week.

W. P. Smith shipped one car of stock cattle to Midland Wednesday of this week to pasture.

Haley Haynes is visiting his grand parents at Big Spring this week.

Mrs. Jno. Buchanan returned home last week from a three weeks visit with her and Mr. Buchanan's parents, near Big Spring. Her mother, Mrs. Kennedy and two sisters, also Mr. Buchanan's mother came home with her and visited until Tuesday of this week.

Mrs. H. Lanham returned home last week from a two month's visit with relatives in Jack county. She reports the cotton crops good in that part of the country.

Two good showers of rain fell here late Tuesday evening over a large portion of this trade territory precipitation about one inch which will be of untold benefit provided more follows within a few days.

H. M. Smith and G. R. Austin left Monday for the plains country looking for a new location to move to.

E. L. Hughes returned Tuesday from his old fields at Ranger and Burk Burnett prospecting.

Tollie Favorez one of our most substantial young men, was in the last call from Snyder county and joined the rest at Snyder Tuesday, where they will go to Camp Travis for training. We hate that much has to be done but when Kaiserism is forced upon us as it has been and is now, we are glad we have such manly men as Tollie to give this army, for we know they are the kind of stuff that will smash the yoke which will again give the world freedom.

Mrs. Dr. Jones visited her daughter at Abilene a few days returning home Tuesday.

Miss Vivian Williams left last week for Santo to spend some time with her grand parents who are very old and her grand mother having fallen and hurt herself, so she is now bed-fast.

Conductor W. B. Johnson of the R. S. & P. is off on a vacation this week and his place is being filled by P. Banner.

The battle on the Western front that has been raging for the past ten days is being looked upon with much anxiousness as it is known that several of our boys over there have received their full training and are ready for battle and are most likely doing their part.

Travis Beaver a son of our Post Master L. P. Beaver was the last one to leave the British transport, that was torpedoed on the Irish coast one night last week, Travis volunteered

and joined the U. S. Navy before war was declared and received his training on the Great Lakes earl last year and has made several trips across the Atlantic already without any mishaps.

Several of our people were at Snyder Tuesday to see the Scurry county quota leave for Camp Travis.

TANGO GERMAN CULT

Snyder People Want German Language Barred From School Curriculum.

American people everywhere are lining up to stop the trend of Germanizing influences in this country. For fifty years Germany has been gradually and surreptitiously advancing his imperialistic "Kultur" in this and other countries and even our better informed American people were not aware of the multiplicity of schemes large and small to Germanize our country, until the deepplaid plans have been laid bare by the present war. Now, we know, and posterity will never excuse us, unless we rise in our strength and stop these encroachments upon Democratic liberty and American Freedom.

For two generations or more our American schools have featured the study of the German language and thousands of American men and women have gone to Germany to fit themselves in music, art, literature, medicine, surgery and other lines of higher learning. In offering facilities in these lines Germany was looking far into the future and four years ago he thought the time had come to assert Imperialistic authority over the world and we have been astounded to find the extent and thoroughness of his intrigue and propaganda. Now we know and we must act. Public and High Schools all over the country are rutting out the teaching of the German language and giving more attention to French and Spanish. The following petition is being liberally signed here in Snyder:

To the Honorable School Board of Snyder, Texas:

The petitioners herewith respectfully request that the teaching of the German language in the public schools of Snyder be abolished. We desire that our children and our neighbors' children be not taught a language that has for the past fifty years been made the vehicle for the spread of terrorism and the destruction of civilization and which fails to reflect the sentiments and ideals of the American people.

TO THE PROHIBITION FORCES OF TEXAS

This word of warning is sent out to call attention to the vital fact that Statewide Prohibition is hanging in the balance.

The higher courts now, have under consideration, the case testing the Constitutionality of the Statewide law. It is exceedingly important that Prohibitionists in every county see to it that the right sort of men are sent as delegates to the Democratic State Convention at Waco. Furthermore, be sure and have the delegates instructed to vote in the Convention for a plank in the platform calling upon the next legislature to submit to a vote of the people an amendment to the state constitution providing for statewide prohibition.

In the primaries two years ago the people voted instructing the legislature to submit to the people such an amendment and such instructions are still binding, however, it seems imperative that the State Convention representing the Democracy of Texas, demand that the legislature obey the voice of the people and to that end let no loyal Democrat be a absentee.

M. H. WOLFE, Chairman,
Statewide Prohibition Com.

Advertised Letters.

Snyder, Texas, July 30th, 1918.
Rhea, Miss Nora.
Smith, Miss Laronc.
Watson, Mack.
The above letters, if uncalled for within two weeks will be forwarded to the division of Dead Letters, Washington, D. C.

Respt.,
Postmaster.

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